

high school students with developmental disabilities so that they can gain workplace skills and experience.

I wholeheartedly congratulate Scott for receiving the Champion of Equal Opportunity Start Your Journey award and thank him for his work to improve the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

HERALDING THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRIYANKA KUMAR

HON. PAUL TONKO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to herald the achievements of a brilliant young constituent, Priyanka Kumar. As a volunteer at a medical research lab, Priyanka assisted in developing human skin grafts using 3D print technology that could be used to treat burn victims. Last week her exceptional spirit of volunteerism earned her a Congressional Award Gold Medal.

A resident of Latham, NY, Priyanka has also worked closely with her STEM peers to create a mental health awareness initiative and has tutored local children in an array of subjects. She has said working with other women in STEM is especially gratifying, and she takes great pride in her commitment to breaking stereotypes in this male-dominated field.

Priyanka also showed exceptional ingenuity in service of others by using computer programming tools to identify tweets from people requesting aid during natural disasters, to make hospitals safer by reminding doctors to use hand sanitizers, and to master machine-learning algorithms that detect cancer in the human genome.

Priyanka described receiving the Congressional Award as an amazing experience that taught her the importance of giving back to a community. Well done, Priyanka. Her future is incredibly bright, and her friends, family and all of us in her community are very proud of all that she has accomplished.

CASTLE ROCK PARKS AND RECREATION

HON. KEN BUCK

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. BUCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the exceptional work done by the Parks and Recreation Department of Castle Rock, Colorado.

This year, Castle Rock Parks and Recreation was named a finalist in the 2018 National Gold Medal Award Program for Excellence in Park and Recreation Management, hosted by the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration (AAPRA).

AAPRA is an association of 120 national leaders in parks and recreation management. All the individuals in this exclusive group have at least 15 years of high-level park administration experience or currently manage an agency that serves a population over 550,000. This limited number of high-caliber members makes AAPRA a premier authority on parks and recreation administration.

When it gives out its gold medal awards, AAPRA reviews applications from parks and recreation departments of various sizes across the nation. For its population size, Castle Rock Parks and Recreation ranked as one of the top-five agencies in the nation.

Coloradans know that Castle Rock is synonymous with natural beauty. The town's parks and recreation department works tirelessly to preserve wild areas, make the outdoors accessible to all residents, and provide high-quality indoor facilities.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Castle Rock Parks and Recreation in the Fourth Congressional District for its stellar work to strengthen our community and support our people.

HONORING BRIA CARBO

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an athletic young lady, Ms. Bria Carbo of Clinton, Mississippi.

Bria Carbo is the youngest child of Ron Carbo and Dana Carbo-Bryant. She is one of three siblings to Brent and Jolie Carbo. Currently, Bria is a Junior of Clinton High School in Clinton, MS.

Bria Carbo is a very outgoing and athletic young lady, who is carrying on a legacy of track athletes in her family. Bria began running track at the age of eight (8), participating on the Amos track team and the Mississippi Track Stars summer track program in the Jackson, MS area. She began her school track career at Byram Middle School, Byram, MS and continued on when she transferred to Clinton Middle School, Clinton, MS. In 8th grade, Bria started varsity cross country with Coach Marett and varsity track in 9th grade with Coach Perkins. She has had the privilege of being a part of the state championship winning Clinton track team, three out of their 5 wins.

Bria's family history in track is very valuable. Her father, Ron, had a successful varsity and Junior Olympic track career as a native of New Orleans, La. Her older siblings, Brent and Jolie, were sprinters for Terry High School, Terry, MS. Her sister, Jolie, is currently completing her senior year as a member of the track team for the University of Mississippi. All three (3) have participated in the Junior Olympics at some point in their track careers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ms. Bria Carbo for her hard work and dedication at Clinton High School and I wish her much success as she continues to pursue her track career and carry her family's legacy.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE! IN HONOR OF SENATOR ROBERT J. DOLE, A GREAT AMERICAN LEADER AND HERO FROM KANSAS ON HIS UPCOMING 95TH BIRTHDAY

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American Icon and National Treasure. An American Hero, and a man for all seasons, former Senate Leader Robert J. Dole on his upcoming 95th birthday. I include in the RECORD this poem penned in his honor by Albert Carey Caswell.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

An American Hero, Oh

America's soul

A fine story of courage and glory

To have and to hold

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

Of someone all our children should know

When from out of The West,

came one of America's Best with a heart of gold.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

An American tale,

who against all odds showed us just how,

To accept God's Will,

no matter how dark to move onward still

Don't forget, in the Big One WWII he helped 'Save The World'

Almost dying for our boys and girls.

As a poor farm boy from Kansas, as an American Hero he now stands.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

Who while at death's door somehow courageously moved forth

Until, one day he became a giant upon The Senate floor

And with all his wit and charm and kindness touching hearts so very warm.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

And yea Bob you could have given Bob Hope a run for his money,

because just like him too Bob, you're so funny.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

Because, when you've looked at death and loss straight in the face

It's either get up and learn how to laugh or die in that place

As you kept up your courageous pace.

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

With the kind of faith,

which brings tears to our Lord's eyes with all you faced

For you Bob were like the Clint Eastwood of the Senate,

as you could be so very tough in it

But, fair like The Great One Henry Clay

As you too used that great art of compromise day after day

'Get a piece here and then a piece there,

and before you know it you've got most of what you wanted in the first place there.'

BOB DOLE! BOB DOLE!

As Bob your word was always your bond,

why even across the aisle today of you they are still fond

And you and Alan Simpson,

were The Original Leadership Dream Team which will live on

Because, you guys have both touched so many hearts from dusk to dawn

And Elizabeth,

well you married up Bob, way, way, way past where you belong.